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In re	:
Halstead, Jr. et al.	:
Application No. 09/759,697	: DECISION REGARDING
Filed: January 21, 2001	: PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Attorney Docket No. 09612.1028-	:
01000	:

This decision is in response to the "NOTICE OF ERROR IN THE DETERMINATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT", filed October 31, 2007, requesting correction of the patent term adjustment (PTA) indicated on the patent.

The request is **GRANTED**.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is **two hundred sixty (260) days**. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

The Office determined a patent term adjustment of three hundred forty-one (341) days based on an adjustment for PTO delay of six hundred twenty-three (623) days pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A)(i) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1), reduced by sixty-four (64), thirty-nine (39), eighty-seven (87), and ninety-two (92) days of applicant delay, all pursuant to 35 U.S.C.

154(b)(2)(C)(ii) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b). All adjustments have been reviewed and determined to be correct.

However, a review of the file reveals that applicant should have been assessed additional delay on two separate occasions pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b). In the first instance, the Office mailed a final Office action on June 16, 2004. In response, Applicant filed an RCE on September 20, 2004. Accordingly, pursuant to § 1.704(b), four (4) days of Applicant delay should have been assessed.

In the second instance of delay under § 1.704(b), the Office mailed a final Office action on December 8, 2006. However, applicants did not file a reply until May 18, 2007 (made timely for purposes of avoiding abandonment by obtaining the appropriate extension of time). Accordingly, pursuant to § 1.704(b), seventy-one (71) days of Applicant delay should have been assessed.

Lastly, it is also determined that applicant should have been assessed delay for filing a supplemental paper pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(8). After applicant filed his May 18, 2007 reply, applicant filed a terminal disclaimer on May 24, 2007. Accordingly, applicant delay of six (6) days should have been assessed for this filing.

In view thereof, the correct determination of PTA at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is **two hundred sixty (260)** days (623 days of PTO delay, reduced by 363 (6+71+92+87+39+4+64) days of applicant delay).

No petition fee was required and none has been charged. The Office thanks Applicants for their good faith and candor in bringing this matter to the attention of the Office.

The matter is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries specific to this letter should be directed to Cliff Congo, Petitions Attorney, at (571)272-3207.


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PTA Calculations for Application: 09/759697

Application Filing Date:	01/12/2001	PTO Delay (PTO):	623
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	282
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	260
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